

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-19. **(Canceled)**

20. **(Currently Amended)** A method for effecting a function of a remotely controlled device television in a public place, comprising:

pointing a universal remote device in the direction of the remotely controlled television device, said universal remote device comprising a database of encoded signals for effecting the function on at least twenty different remotely controlled televisions devices, each of said at least twenty different remotely controlled televisions devices requiring a different signal to effect said function, and wherein the signal required to effect the function on said device in said public place television is not known prior to encountering it;

actuating an actuator on the universal remote device, thereby causing the device to send the encoded signals for the at least twenty different televisions devices from the database to a signal emitter on the universal remote device; and

sequentially emitting the encoded signals from the signal emitter so as to effect the function on said one of the remotely controlled televisions device without selecting a set of encoded signals for the universal remote device, wherein there is no more than about $\frac{1}{2}$ second between each encoded signal.

21. **(Original)** The method of Claim 20, wherein the encoded signals are sent only a single time to the signal emitter.

22. **(Original)** The method of Claim 20, wherein the signals emitted are infrared light.

23. **(Currently Amended)** The method of Claim 20, further comprising pointing the universal remote device in the direction of a second remotely controlled television device and repeating the actuating and emitting steps.

24. **(Original)** The method of Claim 20, wherein the function effected is powering off the device.

25. **(Original)** The method of Claim 20, wherein the function effected is muting the device.

26. **(Currently Amended)** The method of Claim 20, further comprising pointing the universal remote device in the direction of the same one of the remotely controlled televisions device a second time and repeating the actuating and emitting steps.

27. **(Original)** The method of Claim 26, wherein the function is reversed upon repeating the actuating and emitting steps.

28. **(Currently Amended)** The method of Claim 27, wherein the remotely controlled television device is turned on when the function is reversed.

29.-30. **(Canceled)**

31. **(Previously Presented)** The method of Claim 20, wherein the encoded signals are emitted with between about $\frac{1}{4}$ second and $\frac{1}{2}$ second between each encoded signal.

32. **(Canceled)**

33. **(Previously Presented)** The method of Claim 20, wherein the device controls no more than two functions, wherein the functions are selected from the group consisting of power on/off, mute and closed caption.

34. **(Canceled)**

35. **(Currently Amended)** A method for minimizing disturbance from a remotely controlled television in a public place where there are a plurality of televisions, comprising:

encountering the television in the public place where there are a plurality of televisions;

pointing a universal remote device in the direction of the remotely controlled television, said universal remote device comprising a database of encoded signals for effecting a function selected from the group consisting of power on/off and mute on at least twenty different remotely controlled televisions, each of said at least twenty different remotely controlled televisions requiring a different signal to effect said function, wherein the signal required to effect the function on said television in the public place is not known prior to encountering it;

actuating an actuator on the universal remote device, thereby causing the device to send the encoded signals for the at least twenty different remote controlled televisions from the database to a signal emitter on the universal remote device;

sequentially emitting the encoded signals from the signal emitter so as to effect the function on said television in the public place, thereby minimizing disturbance from the television in the public place, wherein there is no more than about $\frac{1}{2}$ second between each encoded signal.

36-38. **(Canceled)**

39. **(Previously Presented)** The method of Claim 20, wherein each encoded signal is sent only once.

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40-41. (Canceled)

42. (Previously Presented) The device of Claim 20, wherein the function effected is closed caption.